

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Forums

To identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families

Monday July 21, 2008 1:30 – 3 pm

Barrington Public Library's Gallery 281 County Road, Barrington

Tuesday July 22, 2008 3 – 5 pm

Independence Square II, Independence Way, Kingston, Route 138 just west of the URI campus

Wednesday July 23, 2008 2 – 4 pm

Warwick Public Library's Community Room 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick

Thursday July 24, 2007 10 am - Noon

Cumberland Library's Community Room 1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland

Thursday July 24, 2008 3 – 5 pm

Middletown Library's Community Room 700 West Main Road, Middletown

Friday July 25, 20074 - 6 pm

RI Department of Administration's Conference Room B, 2nd floor One Capitol Hill, Providence

Comments may be made in person during the hearing, or you can e-mail disabilities@gcd.ri.gov, fax 462-0106 or mail them by July 31st to: Governor's Commission on Disabilities

John O. Pastore Center – 41 Cherry Dale Court, Cranston, RI 02920-3049

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Donald L. Carcieri, Governor

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